

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 7-14, 25-26, 31-34, 59, 61, 64-71, 81, 82, and 86-89 are rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by McCaffrey et al. '294. In addition, claims 3, 24, and 28 are rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over McCaffrey et al. '294.

The Examiner has also indicated that claims 2, 5, 6, 15, 16, 19-23, 27, 29, 30, 60, 62, 63, 72, 73, 76-80, and 83-85 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form.

Accordingly, independent claims 1, 26, 59, and 82 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claims 2, 27, 60, and 83, respectively. These independent claims and their respective remaining dependent claims are now deemed to be allowable over the prior art of record.

The Examiner also indicates that claims 17-18, 35-53, 74-75, and 90-108 are allowed.

Applicants contend that pending claims 1, 3-26, 28-59, 61-82, and 84-108 are now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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